

PRAYER IN THE HOME

EASTER 5: SUNDAY 10 MAY

PLUS: EVENING ZOOM MEET UP 7.00PM 10 MAY
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GATHERING

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

Jesus, speak to us:
And remind us of your great mercy.

Holy Spirit, come to us:
And bring us to new birth.

Father, receive our prayers:
And fill us with living hope.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT for Easter 5

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PSALM 31

¹ In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

² **Incline your ear to me;**
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴ **take me out of the net that is hidden for me,**
for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand;**
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

BIBLE READING 1 Peter 2.4-10

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built^[a] into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

*'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him^[b] will not be put to shame.'*

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, *'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',*

⁸ and *'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'*

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,^[c] in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

SERMON Rev Richard Taylor: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

1. How has the present crisis positively changed your view of the future?
2. What do you think are the top five values of a church that begins with the Rejected One?
3. Who do you perceive to be the most at risk from social rejection and exclusion as a result of the Corona Virus in the future?

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

For all in direct patient care;
give them strength for their service
and strength to ask for help when they are in need.
God, protect them.

For all the sick;
bring them to full health
and restore them to those who love them.
God, protect them.

For all those isolated in their homes;
sustain them in joy and peace.
God, protect them.

For all those who have died
and those who grieve their loss in isolation;
comfort them in their sorrow.
God, protect them.

For decision-makers at all levels;
send them your wisdom and good counsel
to serve their communities.
God, protect them.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

[These intercessions are from the Catholic Health Association of the USA]

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts.